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FOR: ANISOTROPIC CONDUCTIVE :
SHEET, ITS MANUFACTURING :
METHOD, AND APPLICATION :
THEREOF

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of March 13, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, paragraph 2 states in part:

However, neither Onori et al. nor any other art illustrates an anisotropic conductive sheet wherein all the surfaces of the sheet (including both conducting and insulating sections) are covered with an antistatic film, particularly a film made from diamond like carbon (DLC).

It is respectfully noted that independent Claim 1 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 1 recites "a DLC film integrally formed so as to cover all of one or both surfaces" and not "wherein all the surfaces of the sheet (including both

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conducting and insulating sections) are covered". Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not fully apply to independent Claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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